

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Lower Level – Room 40, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard
March 26, 2009

Present: Carol Carey, April Haas, Pat Igo, Carole Kralicek, Paul Larson, John Manning, Mark Thomas, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel

Absent: Susan Bartlett Foote (excused), Dick Faricy (excused) Lee Meyer (excused)

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Boulware

CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 PM by John Manning (Chair)

1. Approval of the Agenda – Larson, Thomas, 7-0

2. Conflict of Interest – Manning stated a conflict of interest with 2055 Summit Avenue.

3. Chair's Announcements

A. There are a lot of items on this agenda and the discussion should be concise with a ten minute discussion limit per item.

B. There has been discussion about HPC staff moving from DSI to PED. Manning has had some discussion with Ann Mulholland.

4. Staff Announcements

A. The programmatic agreement for the Central Corridor has been revised taking into account some of Larson's suggestions.

5. Public Hearings

A. 805 E. Fourth Street, Dayton's Bluff Historic District, owner Cheryl Golden-Black, for a revision to a previously approved new roof, the request is to use aluminum soffit and fascia instead of the originally proposed wood soffit and fascia. File #09-007.

There was discussion about past proposals for the roof. The owners were present to discuss the request for revision. The commission discussed the plans that were approved in 2007. **Igo motioned to adopt staff recommendations to deny the request for revision. Trimble seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.**

B. 275 E. Fourth Street, Lowertown Historic District, for a sign permit to install three awnings and two projecting signs. File #09-008.

The applicant and owners were present to discuss the proposal. The signs, awnings, logo and locations were discussed. **Larson motioned to approve the application with some changes to staff recommendations. Haas seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.**

C. 2389 University Avenue, University-Raymond Commercial Historic District, for a sign permit to install a flat sign on the west elevation. File #09-010.

The owner indicated that he preferred Option A. The applicant was present to discuss the proposal. The commission discussion indicated that Option A was most appropriate. **Igo motioned to approve**

the application with staff recommendations. Haas seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

D. 1760 Summit Avenue, Summit West Historic District, by Southview Design, for a building permit to replace and alter the front retaining wall and paving. File #09-011.

The owners and applicant were present to discuss the application. There was discussion about the retaining wall, piers and availability of brick. **Larson motioned to approve the application with some changes to staff recommendations. Haas seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.**

E. 2055 Summit Avenue, Summit West Historic District, by University of St. Thomas, for a building permit to construct an addition to the roof and rear elevations. File #09-009.

The applicant and representative from the university were present along with members of neighborhood groups to comment on the proposal. There was discussion about the reconstruction of the retaining wall. **Trout-Oertel motioned approval of the staff recommendations. Kralicek seconded the motion. Larson offered two friendly amendments that were accepted. The motion passed 7-0.**

F. 502 Portland Avenue, Hill Historic District, by DuBois Conservatories, for a building permit to construct a conservatory at the rear elevation. File #09-012.

The applicant, owners and neighbors were present. There was discussion about the height of the conservatory and its impact to the building. The applicant was receptive to commissioners design suggestions. **Carey motioned to approve the application with staff recommendations. Thomas seconded the motion. Haas and Larson offered friendly amendments that were accepted. The motion passed 7-0.**

6. Committee Reports

A. 3M Committee Report – Trimble noted that April 1st will be the final meeting of the history committee. Larson stated there is marketing concern. They should find someone with historic building experience. He added that the EPA has not weighed in yet. Carey stated that the 106 process is continuing and the sequence was not well thought out, premature.

7. Adjourn – 8:25

Submitted by: Christine Boulware